

HOUSE RESOLUTION 281

By Byrd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Joanna Helton upon her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.26 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.4 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Helton of Lawrence County is one such exemplary person who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Helton is a member of her high school's Student Council, which she serves as senior class president; HOSA; Beta Club; Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which she serves as president; Yearbook Staff; and the Tennessee Association of Student Councils (TASC), which she serves as an officer; with these organizations, she helped coordinate homecoming, Veterans Day programs, the Halloween carnival, Spirit of Santa, middle school orientation day, and Socktober; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Helton also volunteers her time at the Sandcastle Children's Library and assists in fundraisers and clean-up days. She also serves her church as a student intern by cleaning the church every week and raising money for missionaries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Helton is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Joanna Helton upon her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, applaud her outstanding community leadership, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.